

2nd Grade Scoop

March 31–April 4, 2014

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

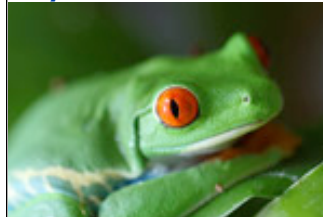
The Character Education word for April is: **Trustworthiness**. **Trustworthiness** is being honest, reliable, and following through on your commitments. We need to do what is right, even when it seems difficult.

Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit **Trustworthiness** characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about life cycles of organisms.

Vocabulary Words: cycle, organisms, amphibians, camouflaged, Earth Day



Math

This week we will be working with fractions. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

Just a reminder:

Homework is:

*Study spelling words

*Read for 20 minutes every night

*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction & counting money

*Fluency Sheets & short stories

*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night.

Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core Standards based. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."

Spelling

The students are working on vowel sounds a, ea, eigh, ey and sounds in words this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



Dates to Remember:

April 10 – Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.

April 11 – Mornings for Moms 7:15–8:30 and Declam Contest

1:30–2:00

April 15 – Bookmobile

April 18 – No School

April 21 – No School

Phonics & Grammar

Genre: Magazine Article and connect prior knowledge

Reading: "Be Sun Safe" by US Kids Magazine

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests

Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book. https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp

Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: break, sleigh, obey, neighbor, prey, weigh

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: squatted, chilly, peered, scampering, discovery, majestic, budge, entire, bizarre, extravaganza

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"The Lizard" (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Sun" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

Listening Center

Stories: "Lizard & the Sun" by: Alma Flor Ada

Genre: Folktale

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which

include: majestic, peered, scampering, discovery, budge

The students will also orally discuss beginning, middle and end of the story & author's message. They will also learn about story structure.

Snacks

31- AJ

1- Layton

2- Taylor

3- Macee

4- Ethan

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Important Events: April 10 -

Spring Concert; April 11 - Muffins for Moms - 7:15-8:30 A.M. and Declam Contest - 1:30-2:00.; May 1- Field Trip- all day to the Army National Guard, Butterfly House, Outdoor Campus, McDonalds delivers lunch to Sertoma Park if you wish; May 9th- Grandparent Morning - 9:00-12:00; May 14 - Track and Field afternoon Last Day - May 20 - Dismiss 1:30.

Quotes of the Week-

"Education is the transmission of civilization!" Ariel & Will Durant

"Education is learning what you didn't even know that you didn't know!" Boorstin
Our Declam Contest will be held in our classroom on April 19. All are welcome to attend. Our time is 1:30-2:00. Thanks!

West Central Mission Statement: "To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world." West Central Hartford Elementary Mission Statement: "Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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